THE TERRORIST AND DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES (PREVENTION) AMENDMENT BILL, 1993

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, I beg to move for leave to introduce a Bill further to amend the Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987.

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : Madam, I introduce the Bill.

RE-CRASH BOEING 737 AT AURANGABAD

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra) : Madam, I would like to raise the issue of the crash of Boeing 737 at Aurangabad... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam... *(Interruptions)*...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister is making a statement... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Madam, it is a serious crash and we would like to know the reasons for the crash. What exactly happened ? There has been a complaint about this particular aircraft, especially the engine. The particular engine on this aircraft was under-powered. This aircraft is 20 years old. There are two types of engines. This is the older version of the engine. I would like to know whether in view of this crash the hon. Minister would consider grounding 737 which is in operation with this old engine. I think this is the foremost thing which should have been done. The engines must be changed. If the engines are okay, then who is to be blamed ? How was the aircraft overloaded ? Was it overloaded ? Did the aircraft takeoff from the begining of the runway ? There are various questions. The nation is agitated about it. We would like to know when the Minister is going to make a statement. We would like to know whether he intends grounding 737 with this particular old type of engine immediately.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The Minister is going to make a statement. I will find out when... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra) : Madam, the air crash took place at Aurangabad. Fifty-seven people lost their lives. I want to know as to when the Minister is going to make a statement. This is a very urgent matter. The whole of Marathwada is deeply shocked over this incident.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The whole country and not Marathwada only.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV : There are several telephonic calls from Aurangabad and other places to know about what the Government is going to do in this regard... *(Interruptions)*

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Now the Minister is here, Mr. Kalmadi. Let me find out... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN (Maharashtra) : Is the Minister going to follow the footsteps of his predecessor ? *(Interruptions)* Is he going to take the same action as that of Mr. Madhavrao Scindia ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : Madam, I said in the Question Hour that I would be making a statement in the afternoon in both the Houses.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : At what time ?